

WHAT WE DO IN OUR SCHOOL

No. 2 The MOLIILI SCHOOL

THE "SCHOOL HOUSE," IT HAS TO ACCOMMODATE 211 PUPILS

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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MOLIILI'S 211 VIGOROUS YOUNGSTERS

CLEARING UP THE YARD

WILLING HANDS IN THE GARDEN

THE SEWING CLASS

CHILDREN WAITING IN THE YARD—NO ROOM INSIDE

[These papers are No. 2 in the series of articles on "What We Do in Our School" published from time to time in the Star-Bulletin. The winner of the Moliili school contest will be announced later. Several of the papers are published herewith.]

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By Willie Namahouham, Low 5 Grade.

Our school house is a very shabby-looking old wood building. We have three rooms and 211 children enrolled, 90 in the primary room, 63 in Room II, and 58 in Room III. Fifty of the babies stay outside under the tree waiting for their class-time to come.

I'm in the low 5th grade. I like to come to school. I was not absent one day last term and I didn't want to be out one day this term, but I was sick three days last week—really sick. I had high fever.

I am going to tell you what we do in the garden work in our school. I like garden work because we can make money. We sell the vegetables we raise. We work hard in the garden.

We dig and make the soil soft. There are lots of stones in Moliili, you know. Then we fertilize. We get the fertilizer at the post-shop. When this is all done we plant our seeds and plants. We water them and care for them. Next we transplant.

We plant lettuce, cabbage, Japanese and Chinese cabbage, radishes, onions, Portuguese onions, beans, parsley, tomatoes. I don't want to plant any more onions or tomatoes. Do you know why? Because after all our labor we lose them. When they are up and about ready to sell, some hungry fellow takes them.

We made \$3.50 last term, and \$1.35 this term on our vegetables. The neighbors buy our vegetables. Sometimes we sell to the market and some to the teachers. We get less money from the market, because they want them cheap.

We want to save up the money this term, until we get enough for a good football. Room II children made \$4.60 last year, and they bought three pretty pictures for their room.

The girls have sewing once a week; they learn all kinds of stitches. They make some money with sewing. Some do fancy sewing. Some girls make Irish lace and sell it.

We have flower gardens. We have planted violets, geraniums, nasturtiums. We help to care for the school yard; we pull weeds, sweep, scrub, dust, clean windows, and clean the toilets. We take care of the garden tools; we clean them after using and put them away.

I am sorry I cannot write this with ink, but we have those old-fashioned desks with no ink-wells. I wish we had nice patent desks like the other children in town, and a new school house with plenty of room. We are crowded up too much. In our room we have third, fourth and fifth grades. In room III they have first, second and third grades. There is a piece of land behind our

school that would be a fine place for gardening and chicken-raising. If we could get it we could make lots of money. There is money in raising chickens and selling eggs. Maybe we could make enough money to help build more rooms on our school.

OUR SCHOOL GARDEN

By Ah Fook, Grade IV. We have vegetable gardens in which we plant onions, radish, beans, carrots and tomatoes. First we dig up the land and make it soft, and then we go to get the fertilizer to make the soil better. We use street sweepings mixed with manure. We water the garden every day and pull out the weeds. We sell the vegetables to the people who live near the school. We have already sold vegetables—about \$1.35 this term. The last term we sold more than \$3.00.

We would like to have a piece of land behind the school lot. Better soil and a better place for gardens, and we would like to build a picket fence around the garden to keep out chickens, and poor people from stealing our onions and tomatoes.

We would like another piece of land on the other side, to raise chickens. There is lots of money in raising chickens and selling their eggs to the neighbors. People want eggs for their food and for \$1.00 you get 30 eggs. We go out in the yard on Friday to pull weeds and to make the yard look nice. We take care of the rakes and hoes and keep them clean.

OUR GARDENS

By Ah Chew, Mokiao, Grade IV. We work hard in our gardens. First we dig and make the soil soft, and put fertilizer in them. We use manure and street sweepings. Then we plant our seeds and plants. We planted lettuce, cabbage, radishes, onions, beans, parsley, tomatoes and sweet corn.

We made \$2.50 last term and \$1.35 this term. We sell to the neighbors, some times to the market, and some times to the teachers. We get less money from the market because they want them cheap.

We help to take care of the school yards. We pull weeds, water plants and the little trees, and the grass, too, and we plant trees and grass.

Mr. Taylor of Maui visited us the other day. He told us many things about gardening. He came back the next day with lots of seeds, vegetables and flower seeds. That was very nice of him.

I am writing this for the Star-Bulletin. I can't write it with ink. Our old desks have no ink wells. Bye and bye we will have a better school house and the nice patent desks.

OUR SCHOOL

By Elizabeth Kaula, Grade III. I. We have a very old school house and old, old desks. It doesn't look nice from the road, but we try to keep it clean inside. We scrub, sweep, dust, clean windows.

II. Our school is crowded. We have 210 children in this school and only three rooms, 90 children in the primary room, 45 little ones stay out under the trees every day waiting for their time to be called in and get a seat.

III. We have sewing once a week and we do plain sewing and some fancy sewing. We learn to baste, hem, overcast, buttonhole, hemstitch. We learn to darn stockings. I like sewing. We have gardens too; we take care of them. I planted violets, lilies, geraniums, nasturtiums.

IV. We make books for our school-work, Spelling, Numbers, Home Geography and other studies. I like to come to school very much. Wish we had a nice new school. But I think we will have one by and by.

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By Tokino, Grade IV. Our school house is an old shabby building. It was built a very long time ago. The mothers of some of the girls in my class, low 3th grade, started to school here in the baby room, and sat in those same old seats, more than twenty years ago.

We try to keep the old school house clean. We clean windows, scrub, sweep, dust.

On Friday we have sewing. We do hemming, hemstitching, basting, overcasting. Sometimes we make lace—crochet lace. I can make Irish crochet lace, medallion edge. I make some pin-money because I learned how to do Irish Crochet.

In our school there are 210 pupils, only three teachers. In the first room there are eighty-nine children, I think, and half of them sit out under the tree waiting for a seat.

I wish we had a nice new school house and the nice new patent desks like the other school children have in town.

Bye and bye, they always say to us.

OUR SCHOOLHOUSE AND YARD

By Helen Aoe, Grade III.

Our school-house is old, and it takes more time to keep it clean. Every day we sweep and dust. We scrub, and clean windows. We keep the yard clean, we pull weeds. Pick rubbish—papers. Clean toilets. Keep the bee's nests out and clean down the webs.

We learn sewing, we make towels, bags, sheets and other things. I know how to baste, hem, overcast, buttonhole.

By Louis Hookaea, Grade II. Our school house is a very shabby-looking old wood building. We have only three rooms and 211 children, 90

little ones in the primary room 63 in the second room and 58 in the third room. Fifty of the babies stay outside under the tree waiting for their class-time to come.

I am in the fourth grade. I like to come to school. I was not absent one day last term and shall try to be present every day this term.

I like garden work because we can make money. We sell the vegetables we raise. We want to save the money until we have enough for a good football. We raise (string beans, cabbage, Chinese and Japanese lettuce, onions, Portuguese onions, tomatoes. I don't want to plant any more onions or tomatoes. You know why? Because after all our labor we lose them. When they are up and ready to sell, some hungry fellow takes them.

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